

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims remain pending in this application. Claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Priority

Applicants request acknowledgment of the claim for priority in this case. The priority document was filed in the parent case, U.S. Serial No. 08/357,189, filed December 13, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,604,737) and is shown on the Official Filing Receipt mailed May 5, 2001.

Drawing

The amendment to the claims avoids the objection to the Drawings.

35 U.S.C. §112

The claims have been amended to avoid the rejection under this section. In particular, reference to "first unit", "second unit", etc., has been removed from the claims. However, with respect to the Examiner's objection to "first interface" and "second interface", Applicants contend that no amendment is necessary. Fig. 6 shows that the communication server is connected to a LAN 1 and to a public network 3 for input/output of packet information and non-packet information,

respectively (See, for example, Specification page 25, line 18 to page 26, line 11). It should be understood that the term "interface" is adequately supported by the specification Drawings. Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution "interface" has been changed to "input/output (I/O) portion".

Double Patenting

To avoid any potential rejection under this section, a terminal disclaimer is being filed to expedite prosecution.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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